

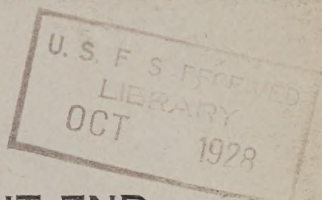
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FUNGUS ATTACK ON CUT END OF TREATED PILE



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The photograph shows a wood-destroying fungus growing in the untreated wood exposed by cutting off the end of a creosoted pile. The end was given no protective treatment after it had been cut.

It is possible that there was slight decay in the pile before it was treated so that cutting off the end merely allowed the fungus to fruit, or the fungus may have entered after the untreated wood was exposed. After the end of a creosoted timber is trimmed, it should be given two or three brush coats of hot creosote at once. This will hold back the growth of the fungus if it is already in the wood, or, if the wood was sound when treated, it will prevent infection afterward.

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